

## **PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

**August 6, 2012**

**Room 3220 Administrative Center**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Don Meyer (Chair), Jim Berns, Steve Doyle, Maureen Freedland, Leon Pfaff, Jeff Schroeder, Chuck Spiker
<b>MEMBERS EXCUSED:</b>	none
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	Jim Speropulos, Steve O'Malley, Ron Chamberlain, Hank Koch, Dave Lange, Keith Back, Randy Nedrelo, Charlie handy, Sharon Hampson, Peg Jerome, Ralph Geary and Todd Mandel

### **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Chair Meyer called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 9, 2012**

Freedland asked that the minutes be corrected to read: "Vice Chair Maureen Freedland called the meeting to order. There was no objection.

**MOTION** by Schroeder/Freedland to approve the minutes of July 9, 2012. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Check Requisitions over \$20,000 (handout)

**MOTION** by Pfaff/Freedland to receive and file the above listed Consent Agenda item.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

### **CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT**

There were no conference/meeting reports.

### **RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT AND ACCSS AND UTILITY EASEMENT AGREEMENT TO LA CROSSE CELLULAR TELEPHONE COMPANY AT THE LA CROSSE COUNTY LANDFILL SITE**

La Crosse Cellular Telephone Company has a current lease with La Crosse County for a telecommunications tower located at the La Crosse County Landfill site. They would like to install fiber optic systems, equipment and lines. They are asking for an agreement for a 75' wide temporary easement and a non-exclusive access and utility easement of approximately 30' wide effective until the end of the lease.

**MOTION** by Pfaff/Spiker to approve the Resolution. Hank Koch, Solid Waste Director, spoke to the resolution. The telephone company lease is for four or five year terms and we are on the third term. The lease automatically renews. They want to upgrade the tower. This work will not interfere with Landfill use. The agreement will be checked by Corporation Counsel Dave Lange. Discussion ensued on the lease and lease conditions. Since 2007, the County has been receiving a rental fee of \$7,000 to \$8,000 a year. The term of the lease goes through 2017. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **BID APPROVAL FOR PHASE 2 PAD CONSTRUCTION**

Hank Koch, Solid Waste Director, discussed the letter from SHE which is a summary tabulation of four bids received for the Phase 2 Processing Pad and Sediment Basins.

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CONTRACTOR	TOTAL BID
1. Les Manske & Sons Excavating & Landscaping LLC	\$125,826.90
2. River View Construction, Inc.	\$134,622.70
3. Holtz Lime, Gravel & Excavating, Inc.	\$137,094.78
4. St. Joseph Construction	\$149,622.70
Engineer's Estimate	\$113,238.95

This project is budgeted for 2012. The purpose of the pad is to process wood waste, concrete, asphalt and shingles so it can be kept out of the landfill. The basin is required by the DNR in order to have the pad. A chart was provided detailing the work which needs to be done and cost. Koch answered questions on the chart. Our consultant was very pleased with the bids and recommends awarding the bid to Les Manske & Sons Excavating & Landscaping, LLC. **MOTION** by Schroeder/Freedland to accept the bid of Les Manske & Sons Excavating & Landscaping, LLC. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**DISCUSSION OF MOU BETWEEN SOLID WASTE AND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS**

Hank Koch, Solid Waste Director, noted that since he has taken over, the landfill has been plagued with misunderstandings from past contractors. Many things weren't in writing. He has been trying to correct this problem. Both the Solid Waste Director and Highway Commissioner feel it is in the best interest of both departments to have their intentions between the two departments in writing. They are not asking the committee for approval, they just want to make them aware of the internal collaboration.

**APPROVE QUOTE FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES 3<sup>rd</sup> FLOOR REMODEL**

Health & Human Services Building third floor office remodel is creating six new offices within the building. The following are sealed quotes received:

VENDOR	BID AMOUNT/RATE/COST
Weiser Brothers	\$22,025.00
Peter Nelson	\$27,215.00
Market & Johnson	\$34,645.00

Jim Speropulos, Facilities Director, is asking for approval of the lowest quote of \$22,025.00 from Weiser Brothers. **MOTION** by Doyle/Spiker to approve the quote from Weiser Brothers for \$22,025.00 **Motion carried unanimously with 1 abstention – Berns.**

**RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO SELL PROPERTY TO LA CROSSE COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION**

La Crosse County acquired a property due to tax foreclosure action. La Crosse Community Housing Development Organization desires to purchase the property for \$20,000. They intend to raze the structure and construct another building on the site. La Crosse County advertised the property twice and has not received one bid. The property is in a deteriorated condition and it is in the best interest of La Crosse County to sell the parcel. **MOTION** by Berns/Pfaff to approve the resolution. Jim Speropulos, Facilities Director, spoke to the resolution. The County took possession of this property in 2011. It was advertised twice on sealed bids, once for the appraised price of \$45,000 and the second time with no price. There were no offers. Coulee Cap has offered to purchase the house for \$20,000. They would raze the house and build a family home on the property. Dave Lange, Corporation Counsel spoke to the condition of the house. He said it was a full of mold and in a deteriorated condition, therefore, it would be in the best interest of La Crosse County to sell the property. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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### **RESOLUTION RE: NOTICE TO VILLAGE OF ROCKLAND REGARDING DISCONTINUANCE OF COUNTY MAINTENANCE OF ROCK STREET**

La Crosse County Highway Department in the past has maintained ½ mile of public highway named Rock Street in the Village of Rockland. It has been recently learned that Rock Street is not a part of a County highway and that the Village of Rockland receives state aid for maintenance of Rock Street. La Crosse County Board hereby approves the discontinuance in the future of the maintenance of Rock Street in the Village of Rockland.

**MOTION** by Spiker/Berns to approve the resolution. Ron Chamberlain, Highway Commissioner, explained that in the process of reviewing the Highway's upcoming projects and checking out County Road U on the Department of Transportation's website, he found that the County does not own this section of Rock Street. The DOT confirmed that the Village of Rockland was receiving aid for Rock Street. He notified the Village of Rockland Chair who was going to take the information to the Village Board. That has been several weeks and he has not heard from them. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **ROAD NEEDS**

Ron Chamberlain, Highway Commissioner, explained his handout which detailed four categories of road needs.

1. Reconditioning & Rehabilitation which listed the road, the area needing reconditioning, the paver rating, the year it is scheduled to be completed, the budget cost for construction, the mileage, any notes pertaining to the project, if there is grant money, the County cost and others cost.
2. Small Bridge Work which listed the road, feature crossing, scheduled year, budget cost, deck area, notes, grant money, County cost and others cost. Chamberlain also explained the difference between what is considered a bridge and what isn't considered a bridge.
3. Bridge Design and Construction which listed the Structure #, road, feature crossing, bridge rating, scheduled year, budget cost construction, mileage, notes, grant money, County cost and others cost.

The County Administrator hopes this new format will give the Committee a better feel for what is needed and more of the specifics than the previous capital budget. It will be more useful to identify why a project is needed. The cost of construction materials has gone up 70%. We will need to find as many ways as possible to fund road construction along with all the other challenges. Supervisors asked questions on specific projects. Chamberlain agrees that joint funding with municipalities helps fund roads, but if a road is in need of repair by statute it must be done with or without a municipality's help.

### **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: September 10, 2012**

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Ron Chamberlain asked the Committee to meet before the County Board Meeting on August 16, 2012 to approve appraisals on two houses which need to be purchased to complete the OA Project.

### **ADJOURN**

**MOTION** by Spiker/Freedland to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**  
The meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

**Disclaimer:** The above minutes were approved at the September 10, 2012 meeting.  
Marion Naegle, Recorder